Lack of public facilities on NH-5

988. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NHAI has received a specific representation recently that not a single public facility or public convenience has been built on the entire N.H. 5 between Vizag and Vijayawada from the Road Safety Forum of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the NHAI has made any effort to contract the Road Safety Forum and help formulate and build public facilities;

(c) whether it is also a fact that offer to help the NHAI by public spirited people and organizations have been ignored by NHAI;

(d) whether senior officials of NHAI will visit the area and rectify and address the problem; and

(e) the dates set for this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. One representation dated 7.11.2006 has been received about lack of toilets and lay-byes and public facilities between Vishakhapatnam - Vijayawada on National Highway 5. The representation is being scrutinized.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The NHAI field officials have been advised to identify locations for systematic developments of small and comprehensive wayside amenities on various completed/under construction highways under Golden Quadrilateral/North-South and East-West corridors, including NH-5 in Andhra Pradesh.

Road Safety on NH-5

989. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ignored diverse suggestions for improvement of Road Safety on NH-5 Andhra Pradesh;